

House File 516 - Introduced

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BY HEATON

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for a transportation levy for certain school
2 districts.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 298.25 SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION
1 2 LEVY.
1 3 1. a. The board of directors of a school district may
1 4 submit for voter approval a five-year transportation levy on
1 5 all taxable property in the school district to be used each
1 6 school budget year that a district's average transportation
1 7 per pupil costs for the base year exceed by one hundred
1 8 twenty-five percent the state average transportation per pupil
1 9 costs for the base year as determined in the same manner
1 10 provided in section 257.31, subsection 17, paragraph "c". The
1 11 ballot proposition shall specify that the tax levy is
1 12 authorized for five years and the budget year for which the
1 13 tax may first be levied.
1 14 b. The question of imposition of a transportation levy
1 15 shall be submitted at an election held on a date specified in
1 16 section 39.2, subsection 4, paragraph "c". If the vote in
1 17 favor of the proposition is equal to at least a majority of
1 18 the total votes cast for and against the proposition, the
1 19 proposition is deemed adopted, and the board shall certify the
1 20 results of the election to the department of management.
1 21 c. For purposes of this subsection, "base year" means the
1 22 same as defined in section 257.2.
1 23 2. The district may use the transportation levy as needed
1 24 only to pay for the district's transportation per pupil costs
1 25 above the one hundred twenty-five percent of the state average
1 26 transportation per pupil costs as determined annually by the
1 27 department of education.
1 28 3. The board may renew the transportation levy without
1 29 voter approval after the initial five-year imposition if the
1 30 district's transportation per pupil costs have exceeded the
1 31 state average transportation per pupil costs by more than one
1 32 hundred twenty-five percent as determined in the same manner
1 33 provided in section 257.31, subsection 17, paragraph "c",
1 34 during three of the past five years as determined by the
1 35 department of education. The levy may be renewed for five
2 1 years.

EXPLANATION

2 2 This bill establishes a voter-approved five-year school
2 3 transportation levy for districts whose transportation per
2 4 pupil costs exceed 125 percent of the state average
2 5 transportation per pupil costs as determined in Code section
2 6 257.31(17) and calculated annually by the department of
2 7 education.
2 8 The board may renew the transportation levy after five
2 9 years without voter approval if the district's transportation
2 10 per pupil costs have exceeded the state average transportation
2 11 per pupil costs by more than 125 percent during three of the
2 12 past five years. The levy may be renewed for five years.
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